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C O N F I D E N T I A L SUVA 1394

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, NH
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN NEW HEBRIDES

REF: A SUVA 1355, B) STATE 195962

1. DURING CALL ON FRENCH CHARGE AUGU 4, (NOTE: EMBOFF BRIEFED BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH REPS HERE ON CONTENTS REF A), FRENCH CHARGE SAID THAT TWO FRENCH DEMOGRAPHERS WERE THAT AFTERNOON ARRIVING FROM NEW HEBRIDES TO MEET WITH UNFPA REGIONAL COORDINATOR EPSTEIN RE PROPOSED DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS FOR NEW HEBRIDES.

2. EPSTEIN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH WERE SEEKING UNFPA FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR CENSUS. UNFPA HAS FINANCED SEVERAL DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS SURVEYS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH PACIFIC, BUT SHE WAS HESITANT ABOUT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF FRENCH REQUEST BECAUSE THEY ALSO WANT AN ENECTORAL CENSUS AND THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARDS AS WELL AS THE DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS. EPSTEIN SAID THAT SHE HAD EXPRESSED HER MISGIVINGS TO FRENCH DEMOGRAPHERS TELLING THEM THAT SHE DID NOT WANT IN PARTICULAR TO INVOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS IN FINANCING THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARDS. SHE SAID THAT ONE OF THE DEMOGRAPHERS WAS GOING
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BACK TO PARIS WHERE HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH FRENCH

AUTHORITIES. EPSTEIN ALSO SAID THAT FRENCH HAVE NOT YET MADE FORMAL PROJECT PROPOSAL REQUEST, BUT WOULD HAVE TO DO SO QUICKLY IF THEY HOPED TO RECEIVE FUNDING IN TIME TO BEGIN CENSUS AT THEIR DESIRED STARTING DATE OF JANUARY 1979. EPSTEIN ESTIMATED THAT DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS WOULD TAKE

APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION TO EPSTEIN CONTENTS REF A OR THAT VANUAAKU PARTY IS CONSIDERING ACCEPTING FRENCH PROPOSAL, A BASIC ELEMENT OF WHICH IS CENSUS PROCEDURE. WE SUGGEST THAT IF VANUAAKU GOES ALONG WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL, FRENCH AND NEW HEBRIDES LEADERS WILL THEMSELVES MAKE TIME-TABLE FOR INDEPENDENCE KNOW TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS.

4. NOTE FOR EA/PIA: WITHOUT BENEFIT OF REF B, EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO LINI AND SOPE THAT THEY CALL ON DEPT OFFICIALS SHOULD THEY STOP IN WASHINGTON. SUVA'S USICA CABLE 1364 ALSO SUGGESTS CALLS AT DEPT BE INCLUDED IN FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
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